

## **Report of the Seminar**

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*The Theme of the Seminar was:*

### **“Revelation Brings Joy to Mankind”**

Conference leader Ari A. Kalaja opened the seminar with a review of the sequence of certain “official” events in the history of the Urantia movement:

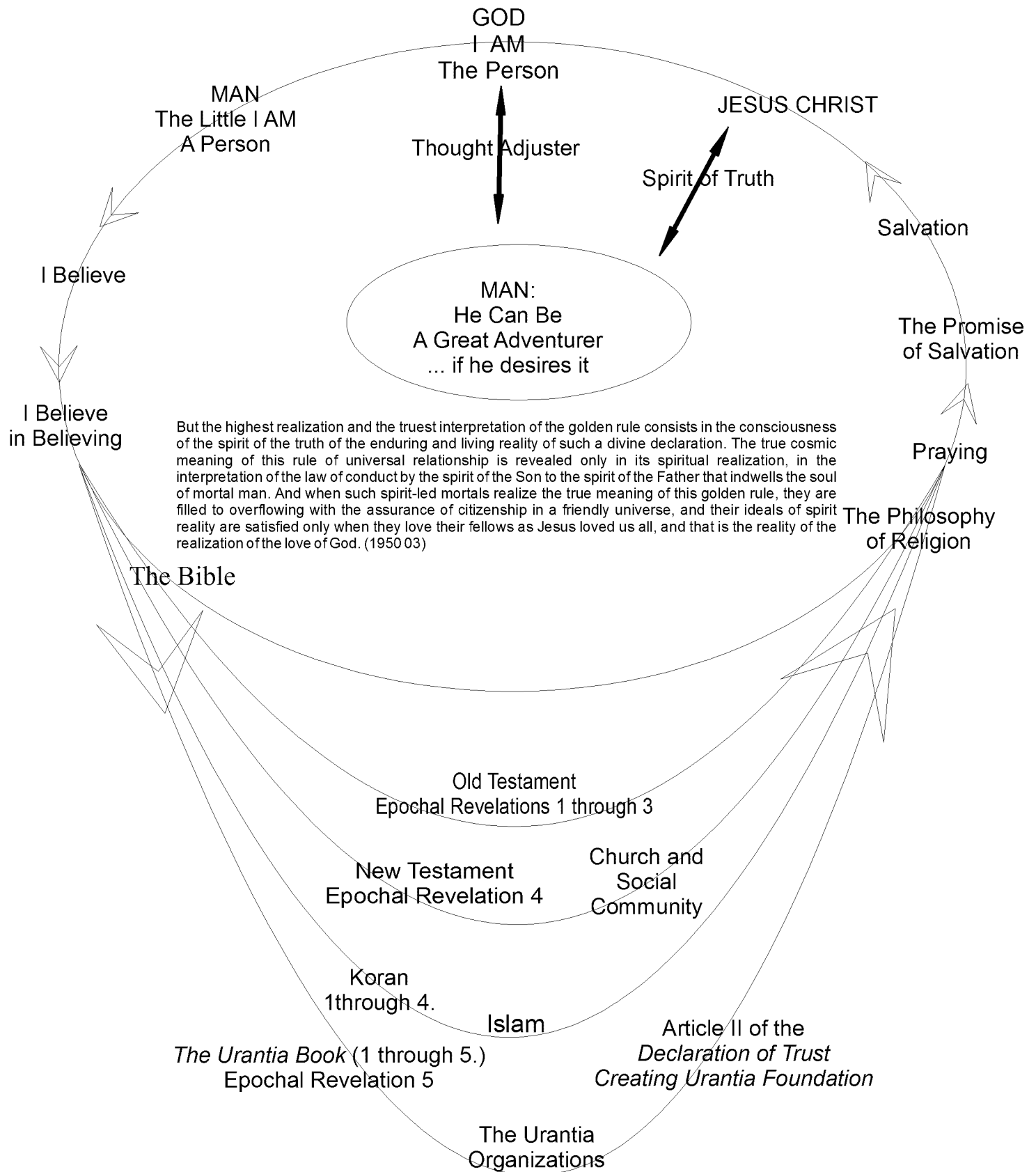
1. Urantia Foundation was founded on January 11, 1950. It had an oversight function and a larger evolving role. Its Principal Object is set out in Article II of the *Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia foundation*. Article II depicts the work Urantia Foundation was to fulfil.
2. The Urantia-Brotherhood was founded in January 1955. This was to be a real worker organization. The Brotherhood had the same Principal Object as the Foundation. Thus, one may understand the import of the Principal Object.
3. *The Urantia Book* was published October 12, 1955. This can be understood as a tool for the work described in Article II in the best possible way.

Today the order of things and the issues involved have all become quite confused, and the Principal Object described in Article II is hardly seen anywhere.

The second matter discussed as part of the opening of the seminar was a short presentation about God, man, and the various stages of belief.

# The Circle of Evolution

Various Stopping Places; or Going Forward or Backward



But the highest realization and the truest interpretation of the golden rule consists in the consciousness of the spirit of the truth of the enduring and living reality of such a divine declaration. The true cosmic meaning of this rule of universal relationship is revealed only in its spiritual realization, in the interpretation of the law of conduct by the spirit of the Son to the spirit of the Father that indwells the soul of mortal man. And when such spirit-led mortals realize the true meaning of this golden rule, they are filled to overflowing with the assurance of citizenship in a friendly universe, and their ideals of spirit reality are satisfied only when they love their fellows as Jesus loved us all, and that is the reality of the realization of the love of God. (1950 03)

NUMBERS 1. - 5. REFER TO  
THE EPOCHAL REVELATIONS  
IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

**DON'T STOP; GO FORWARD**

**LOYALLY CONTINUE ON WITH THE PURPOSE OF EPOCHAL REVELATION**

If you go counter-clockwise (starting with “Man”), you can see different “traps” or way stations, where you can stop in the different and differently ripening forms of “mind religion” (not the religion of the Spirit!).

Revelation has always opened the consciousness progressively toward the “Direct Way”. In the circle-picture above, it is towards Jesus (The Spirit of Truth) and God (the Thought Adjuster).

The seminar’s first talk was about Article II of the *Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia Foundation* and how Article II has not been followed. Speaker Marja Leena Valkeinen gave each of the participants a worksheet carrying the new purposes of the Finnish Urantia Society and each participant re-ranked them as they saw fit. (The original purpose of the Finnish Urantia Society was changed in 1995.)

Here below are the Society’s points in their order of importance with the participants’ re-rankings to the right. Number “1” indicates the most important, and number “7”, the least important.

The Finnish Urantia Society is function-centered	1	7
It is a Service-organization	2	5
It helps disseminate the teachings of <i>The Urantia Book</i>	3	1
And it disseminates the teachings properly	4	2
The society achieves its purpose by organizing study-sessions and Meetings,	5	4
By stimulating activity in line with its purposes as well as	6	6
By functioning as a link between the readers of <i>The Urantia-book</i>	7	3

The participants’ choices were unanimous !

During the accompanying discussion of the relative importance of each point, there was a bit of criticism about weak points in the operation of the Finnish Urantia Society, such as:

1. The study group information in the Heijaste Magazine is old and not very accurate,
2. The Society fails to provide its promised support for the study groups,
3. The number of issues of the International Urantia Association Journal Magazine actually delivered were fewer than those that had been promised, and
4. Dividing the readers into different classes has not helped the link-function of the society.

The discussion continued with the participants then ranking the Principal Object of Urantia Foundation the same way, which purpose had been divided into rows (1-14).

Principal object: The object for which this foundation is created is:

1. the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world
2. of the comprehension and understanding
3. of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe,
4. of the genesis and destiny of Man
5. and his relation to God,
6. and of the true teachings of Jesus Christ;
7. and for the inculcation and encouragement
8. of the realization\* and appreciation of
9. the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man
10. in order to increase and enhance
11. the comfort, happiness, and well being of Man,
12. as an individual and as a member of society
13. through the fostering of a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology
14. which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development.

The Finnish text of Article II used at the seminar differed in three ways compared to the Finnish text used by the Finnish Urantia Society. The most important difference was the seminar version's use of the word "realization\*" with "fulfilling" instead of "understanding".

Each participant gave different points to each phrase listed above, and there was no common agreement as was the case with the new purpose of the Finnish Urantia Society.

The clearly most valued rows were rows 8 and 9: "of the realization and appreciation of The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

The participants' choice is very well in line with the advice Jesus gave to his apostles and followers. Thus, certain critical questions arose:

How is it that so central an issue was left out of the purpose of the Finnish Urantia Society when its purpose was changed?

What are the motives for taking the most important part away?

While the participants' assignment was perhaps simple, and to some extent artificial, their choices and surrounding discussions were nevertheless valuable, especially since their preferences strongly support the principal work Jesus gave to his followers and their successors.

During the summary of the discussion of this issue, the participants noted that it is perhaps productive to divide the Principal Object into just three parts:

1. The depicting of the surroundings and history of the activity-field (rows 1-7)
2. The purpose or the actual content (rows 8-9)
3. The results and consequences following the work given to the nowadays followers of the revelations (rows 10-14)

The second presentation concerned mistakes in the language or content of the Finnish translation of *The Urantia Book*. The participants noted how correcting those errors provided a unique opportunity better to understand the deeper and more accurate meanings of the actual English text. Ari A. Kalaja led the discussion wherein he demonstrated a certain commonality among a number of the mistakes. One can read more about this at the Web site of The Valton Trust (<http://www.Valton.org>) in the “News – uutisia” section.

The third talk discussed the history of the revelations, mainly the five epochal revelations under the title “The Enmity of the World.” (See p. 1946 in *The Urantia Book*. This was mentioned in the call for the seminar as was “The Enmity of the Jewish Leaders” at p.1672).

Mr. Kalervo Juntunen from Lahti, Finland, led the group. He reminded the participants about the ancient purpose of everything by quoting p. 21, 02:

The myriads of planetary systems were all made to be eventually inhabited by many different types of intelligent creatures, beings who could know God, receive the divine affection, and love him in return. The universe of universes is the work of God and the dwelling place of his diverse creatures. “God created the heavens and formed the earth; he established the universe and created this world not in vain; he formed it to be inhabited.

And Mr. Juntunen went on at page 21, 03:

The will creatures of universe upon universe have embarked upon the long, long Paradise journey, the fascinating struggle of the eternal adventure of attaining God the Father. The transcendent goal of the children of time is to find the eternal God, to comprehend the divine nature, to recognize the Universal Father. God-knowing creatures have only one supreme ambition, just one consuming desire, and that is to become, as they are in their spheres, like him as he is in his Paradise perfection of personality and in his universal sphere of righteous supremacy. From the Universal Father who inhabits eternity there has gone forth the supreme mandate, “Be you perfect, even as I am perfect.”

Kalervo Juntunen emphasized the final sentence thereof: “In love and mercy the messengers of Paradise have carried this divine exhortation down through the ages

and out through the universes, even to such lowly animal-origin creatures as the human races of Urantia.” (p. 21, 03)

Mr. Juntunen mentioned how Onagar had progressed rather far and early on had knowledge about the spiritual world and its higher levels, and that he had tried to share that knowledge with others.

Kalervo Juntunen then went on to list and discuss the five major revelations, the revelators in each case, the object or purpose of each revelation, the extent to which each succeeded and/or failed, and the reasons therefor, especially the miscarriage thereof; and who went off track, and through which mistakes or errors.

The recently visiting President of Estonia, Lennart Meri had mentioned, “It is not history that repeats itself, but, rather, it is the mistakes that re-occur.”

This is an expression which suits each of the five major revelations, the fifth one no exception here. Despite the fact *The Urantia Book* presents the story of each of the prior epochal revelations, including the warnings to those involved and the mistakes suffered, those involved with the Fifth Epochal Revelation, even though they had access to these and other instructions and warnings, could not avoid doing the same again. Why these warnings and examples of epochal failure, and specific instructions, have been so wilfully ignored is most unpleasant to imagine.

That the Principal Object was officially removed as the purpose of certain Urantia organizations, including International Urantia Association and the Finnish Urantia Society, particularly when those organizations were specifically constituted for just that purpose raises the most profound questions and should cause alarm among all believers in, and followers of, the teachings of *The Urantia Book*!

We all wonder:

Just whose purposes and what operations are now being served in place of the epochal goals and purposes enunciated for all time in the *Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia Foundation*, and subsequently adopted in Constitution of Urantia Brotherhood and the original Constitution of the Finnish Urantia Society?

This question is especially important when one recalls that the Principal Object of Article II of the *Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia Foundation* is at least believed to have been approved by the revelators, if not actually crafted by them.

Readers awake!

When the given time for the seminar ran out, a part of the group present at the seminar remained to go on and study Paper 194 of *The Urantia-book*.